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# A Central Limit Theorem of Stationary Processes and the Parameter Estimation of Linear Processes

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## §1 Some limit theorems on stationary processes

Let  $\{Z(n); n \in J\}$  be a  $s$ -vector-valued linear process generated as  $Z(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G(j) e(n-j)$ ,  $n \in J$ , where the  $Z(n)$ 's have  $s$  components and the  $e(n)$ 's are  $p$ -vectors such that  $E(e(n)) = 0$  and  $E(e(n)e(n)') = \delta(m, n) K$  ( $K$  is a nonsingular  $p \times p$  matrix);  $G(j)$ 's are  $s \times p$  matrices; the components of  $Z$ ,  $e$ ,  $G$  are all real. If  $\sum \text{tr} G(j) K G(j)' < \infty$ , the process  $\{Z(n)\}$  is a second order stationary process and has a spectral density matrix  $f(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi} K(\omega) K K(\omega)'$ ,  $-\pi \leq \omega \leq \pi$  where  $K(\omega) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G(j) e^{i\omega j}$ . Denote by  $C_Z(s)$  and  $I_Z(\omega)$  respectively the serial covariance and the periodogram matrices constructed from a partial realization  $\{Z(1), \dots, Z(N)\}$ ; namely,  $C_Z(s) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^{N-s} Z(m) Z(m+s)'$ , for  $0 \leq s \leq N-1$ , and  $C_Z(s) =$

$C_z(-s)$  for  $-N+1 \leq s < 0$ ;  $I_z(\omega) = F_z(\omega) F_z(\omega)^*$  where

$$F_z(\omega) = \sum_{j=-N}^N z(j) e^{i\omega j},$$

Denote the  $(\alpha, \beta)$  component of  $G(j)$ ,  $C_z$  and  $I_z$  by  $G_{\alpha\beta}(j)$ ,  $C_{\alpha\beta}^z$  and  $C_{\alpha\beta}^I$  respectively and denote the  $\alpha$ -th component of  $z(n)$  and  $e(n)$  by  $z_\alpha(n)$  and  $e_\alpha(n)$ . Assuming that the process  $\{e(n)\}$  is fourth-order stationary, let  $G_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(t_1, \dots, t_4)$  be the fourth cumulant of  $e_{\alpha_1}(t_1), \dots, e_{\alpha_4}(t_4)$  and assume that

$$\sum_{t_2, \dots, t_4 = -\infty}^{\infty} |G_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(0, t_2 - t_1, \dots, t_4 - t_1)| < \infty;$$

then the process  $\{e(n)\}$  has a fourth-order spectral density  $\tilde{G}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3)$  such that

$$\tilde{G}_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{t_1, \dots, t_3 = -\infty}^{\infty} \exp\{-i(\omega_1 t_1 + \dots + \omega_3 t_3)\} \times G_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(0, t_1, t_2, t_3).$$

Denote by  $G_{q_1 \dots q_4}^z$  and  $\tilde{G}_{q_1 \dots q_4}^z$  respectively the fourth-order cumulant and spectral density of the process  $z(n)$ .

Lemma 1.1. If  $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |G_{\alpha\beta}(j)|^2 < \infty$  for each  $\alpha, \beta$  and

$$\sum_{j_1, \dots, j_3 = -\infty}^{\infty} |G_{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_4}^e(j_1, j_2, j_3)| < \infty, \text{ the process}$$

$\{z(n)\}$  has a fourth-order spectral density

$$\tilde{G}_{q_1 \dots q_4}^z(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) \text{ such that}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.1) \quad & \hat{Q}_{g_1, \dots, g_4}^z(w_1, w_2, w_3) \\
 &= \sum_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4=1}^p k_{g_1, \alpha_1}(w_1 + w_2 + w_3) k_{g_2, \alpha_2}(-w_1) k_{g_3, \alpha_3}(-w_2) k_{g_4, \alpha_4}(w_3) \\
 &\quad \times \hat{Q}_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4}^e(w_1 + w_2 + w_3, w_2, w_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1.2. Assume  $\sum_{j_1, j_2, j_3=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{Q}_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4}^z(j_1, j_2, j_3)| < \infty$ .

For any square-integrable functions  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  defined on

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.2) \quad & [-\pi, \pi], \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N \operatorname{Cor} \left\{ \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_1(w) I_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}^z(w) dw, \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_2(\lambda) I_{\alpha_3, \alpha_4}^z(\lambda) d\lambda \right\} \\
 &= 2\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_1(w) \overline{W_2(w)} f_{\alpha_1, \alpha_3}(w) \overline{f_{\alpha_2, \alpha_4}(w)} dw \\
 &\quad + 2\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_1(w) \overline{W_2(w)} f_{\alpha_1, \alpha_4}(w) \overline{f_{\alpha_2, \alpha_3}(w)} dw \\
 &\quad + 2\pi \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} W_1(w_1) \overline{W_2(-w_2)} \hat{Q}_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4}^z(w_1, w_2, -w_2) dw_1 dw_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1.3. If  $\sum |G_{\alpha\beta}(j)|^2 < \infty$  for each  $\alpha, \beta$  and  
 if  $\sum_j |\hat{Q}_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4}^e(j_1, j_2, j_3)| < \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} N \operatorname{Cor} \{ C_{\alpha_1, \alpha_2}^z(m), C_{\alpha_3, \alpha_4}^z(n) \} \\
 &= 2\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{ f_{\alpha_1, \alpha_3}(w) \overline{f_{\alpha_2, \alpha_4}(w)} e^{-i(n-m)w} + f_{\alpha_1, \alpha_4}(w) \overline{f_{\alpha_2, \alpha_3}(w)} \\
 &\quad \times e^{i(n+m)w} \} dw \\
 &+ \sum_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_4=1}^p \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp \{ i m w_1 + i n w_2 \} k_{\alpha_1, \beta_1}(w_1) k_{\alpha_2, \beta_2}(-w) k_{\alpha_3, \beta_3}(w_2) k_{\alpha_4, \beta_4}(-w_2) \\
 &\quad \times \hat{Q}_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_4}^e(w_1, -w_2, w_2) dw_1 dw_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\{W_m(n), \mathcal{F}_m(n); n=0, 1, \dots, n(m)\}$ ,  $m=1, 2, \dots$ , be a zero-mean square-integrable martingale for each  $m$  where  $\{\mathcal{F}_m(n); n=1, 2, \dots, n(m)\}$  is a sequence of increasing  $\sigma$ -fields and  $n(m) \rightarrow \infty$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $u_m(1) = W_m(1)$  and  $u_m(k) = W_m(k)$  and  $u_m(k) = W_m(k) - W_m(k-1)$  ( $W_m(0) = 0$ ).

Lemma 1.4. [essentially due to Brown (1971)]. Suppose

that (i)  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n(m)} \sum_1^{n(m)} E[u_m(k)^2 I\{|u_m(k)| \geq \varepsilon n(m)\}] = 0$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

(ii)  $\left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n(m)} E\{u_m(k)^2 | \mathcal{F}_m(k-1)\} \right] / \sum_{k=1}^{n(m)} E\{u_m(k)^2\}$

tends to 1 in probability as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ; then

$\sum_1^{n(m)} u_m(k) / \sqrt{\sum E\{u_m(k)^2\}}$  is asymptotically normally distributed with mean 0 and variance 1.

Theorem 1.1. If a zero-mean vector-valued second order stationary process  $\{x(t); t \in J\}$  satisfies that

(i)  $\text{Var}\{E(x_\alpha(t+\tau) | \mathcal{F}_t)\} = O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^{2+\varepsilon}}\right)$  ( $\varepsilon > 0$ )

(ii) For a positive constant  $\eta (> 0)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & E | E(x_\alpha(l) x_\beta(m) | \mathcal{F}_t) - E\{x_\alpha(l) x_\beta(m)\} | \\ &= O \left\{ \frac{1}{(\min\{|l-t|, |m-t|\})^{1+\eta}} \right\} \quad l, m > t. \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\{x(t)\}$  has a spectral density matrix  $f(\omega) = \{f_{\alpha\beta}(\omega)\}$  such that each element is continuous at the origin and  $f(0)$  is non-degenerate, then  $\sum_{n=1}^N x(n)/\sqrt{N}$  is asymptotically normally distributed with mean zero and covariance matrix  $2\pi f(0)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is the  $\sigma$ -field generated by the set of random vectors  $\{x(n) : n \leq t\}$ .

Let  $\{z(n)\}$  be the linear process  $z(n) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} G(j)e(n-j)$ , and denote by  $\mathcal{B}(t)$  the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{e(m) : m \leq t\}$ .

Theorem 1.2. Suppose (i)  $\text{Var} \{ E \{ e_{\beta_1}(n) e_{\beta_2}(n+m) | \mathcal{B}(n-\tau) \} - \delta(m) k_{\beta_1, \beta_2} \} = O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^{2+\varepsilon}}\right) \quad (\varepsilon > 0)$

(ii)  $E \{ E \{ e_{\beta_1}(n_1) e_{\beta_2}(n_2) e_{\beta_3}(n_3) e_{\beta_4}(n_4) | \mathcal{B}(n_1-\tau) \} - E \{ e_{\beta_1}(n_1) e_{\beta_2}(n_2) e_{\beta_3}(n_3) e_{\beta_4}(n_4) \} \} = O\left(\frac{1}{\tau^{1+\eta}}\right)$   
 $(\eta > 0, \quad n_1 \leq n_2 \leq n_3 \leq n_4),$

(iii)  $f_{\beta\beta} \quad (\beta=1, \dots, s)$  is square-integrable,

(iv)  $\sum_{|j_1|, |j_2|, |j_3| \leq \infty} |A_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_4}^e(j_1, j_2, j_3)| < \infty,$

then  $\sqrt{N} (C_{d_1 d_2}^z(m) - \delta_{d_1 d_2}^z(m))$  ( $d_1, d_2 = 1, \dots, S$ ,  $0 \leq m \leq L$ ) have a joint asymptotic normal distribution with mean 0 and the asymptotic covariance between  $\sqrt{N} \{C_{d_1 d_2}^z(m_1) - \delta_{d_1 d_2}^z(m_1)\}$  and  $\sqrt{N} \{C_{d_3 d_4}^z(m_2) - \delta_{d_3 d_4}^z(m_2)\}$  is given as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.4) \quad & 2\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{ f_{d_1 d_3}(w) \overline{f_{d_2 d_4}(w)} e^{-i(m_2 - m_1)w} \\
 & \quad + f_{d_1 d_4}(w) \overline{f_{d_2 d_3}(w)} e^{i(m_1 + m_2)w} \} dw \\
 & + 2\pi \sum_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k=1}^p \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \exp \{ i m_1 w_1 + i m_2 w_2 \} K_{d_1 \beta_1}(w_1) K_{d_2 \beta_2}(-w_1) \\
 & \quad \times K_{d_3 \beta_3}(w_2) K_{d_4 \beta_4}(-w_2) \hat{Q}_{\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k}^0(w_1, -w_2, w_2) dw_1 dw_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

## §2. Asymptotic properties of quasi-Gaussian maximum likelihood estimates for a linear process

Let  $P_0$  be a family of spectral densities  $f_0(w)$   $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^b$ . Then a functional  $T$  defined on  $P_0$  is determined by the requirement that, for  $P$ , the set of all density such that  $\sum_{j=1}^n G(j) K G(j)' < \infty$ ,

$$D(f_{T(f)}, f) = \min_{t \in \mathcal{C}} D(f_t, f)$$

where  $D(f_t, f) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \{ \log \det f_t(w) + \operatorname{tr} f_t(w)^{-1} f(w) \} dw$ ,

if there is a unique  $T(f)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ , let  $f_N, f \in \mathcal{P}$  be such that for every continuous  $s \times s$  matrix-valued function  $\gamma$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \operatorname{tr} \gamma(w) f_N(w) dw \rightarrow \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \operatorname{tr} \gamma(w) f(w) dw$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ; then  $f_N$  is called weakly converge to  $f$  ( $f_N \xrightarrow{w} f$ ).

Lemma 2.1. Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ,  $\theta_1 \neq \theta_2$  implies that  $f_{\theta_1} \neq f_{\theta_2}$  on a set of positive definite, and that  $f_{\theta}(w)$  is continuous in  $\theta$  and  $w$ . Then

(1) For every  $f \in \mathcal{P}$ , there is a value  $T(f)$ .

(2) Assume  $T(f)$  is unique; then if  $f_N \xrightarrow{w} f$  then

$$T(f_N) \rightarrow T(f).$$

(3)  $T(f_{\theta}) = \theta$  uniquely for every  $\theta \in \mathcal{C}$ .

Lemma 2.2. Assume that every component of



$f_\theta(\omega)$  is twice continuously differentiable function of  $\theta \in \Theta$  and that the second derivatives of these component are continuous in  $\omega$ ; moreover, suppose that  $T(f)$  exists uniquely and in  $\text{Int} \Theta$  and that  $M_f = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^*} \{ \text{tr } f_\theta(\omega)^{-1} f(\omega) \} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta \partial \theta^*} \log \det f_\theta(\omega) \right\} d\omega$   $\theta = T(f)$  is a non-singular matrix. Then for every sequence of spectral density matrices  $\{f_N\}$  such that  $f_N \xrightarrow{w} f$ ;

$$(2.1) \quad T(f_N) = T(f) - \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} M_f^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ \text{tr } f_\theta(\omega)^{-1} (f_N(\omega) - f(\omega)) \}_{\theta = T(f)} d\omega \\ + a_N \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ \text{tr } f_\theta(\omega)^{-1} (f_N(\omega) - f(\omega)) \}_{\theta = T(f)} d\omega$$

where  $a_N$  is a  $q \times q$  matrix which tends to zero as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

Lemma 2.3. Assume that  $\{Z(n)\}$  satisfies the conditions

(i) - (iv) of Theorem 1.2 and (v)  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |j|^{\frac{1}{2}} |\gamma_{ZP}^Z(j)| < \infty$ .

Let  $\phi_j(\omega)$ ,  $j=1, \dots, g$  be  $s \times s$  matrix-valued continuous functions on  $[-\pi, \pi]$  such that  $\phi_j(\omega) = \phi_j(\omega)^*$ . Then,

$$(1) \quad p\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr } I_Z(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) d\omega = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr } f(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) d\omega.$$

(2)  $\sqrt{N} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr} \{ I_2(\omega) - f(\omega) \} \phi_j(\omega) d\omega$ ,  $j=1, \dots, 8$  have asymptotically a normal distribution with zero mean-vector and covariance matrix  $V$  whose  $(j, l)$  element

is

$$(2.2) \quad 4\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr} f(\omega) \phi_j(\omega) f(\omega) \phi_l(\omega) d\omega + 2\pi \sum_{r, t, u, v=1}^5 \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \phi_{rt}^{(i)}(\omega_1) \phi_{uv}^{(l)}(\omega_2) \tilde{R}_{rtuv}(-\omega_1, \omega_2, -\omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2$$

where  $\phi_{rt}^{(i)}(\omega)$  is the  $(r, t)$ th element of  $\phi_j(\omega)$ .

Theorem 2.1. Suppose that in addition to the conditions of Lemma 2.2, the conditions (i)-(iv) in Theorem 1.2 and (v) in Lemma 2.3 are satisfied.

Then  $p\text{-}\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} T(I_2) = T(f)$  and the vector  $\sqrt{N}(T(I_2) - T(f))$ ,

under  $f$ , tends to the normal distribution

$N(0_8, M_f^{-1} \tilde{V} M_f^{-1})$  where  $\tilde{V} = \{\tilde{V}_{j,l}\}$  is a  $8 \times 8$  matrix such that

$$(2.3) \quad \tilde{V}_{j,l} = 4\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr} \left\{ f(\omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} f_0(\omega)^{-1} f(\omega) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_l} f_0(\omega)^{-1} \right\}_{\theta \in I(f)} d\omega$$

$$+ 2\pi \sum_{r, t, u, v=1}^5 \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} f_0^{(r,t)}(\omega_1)^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_l} f_0^{(u,v)}(\omega_2)^{-1} \Big|_{\theta \in I(f)} \tilde{R}_{rtuv}(-\omega_1, \omega_2, -\omega_2) d\omega_1 d\omega_2$$

$-u_1, u_2, -u_2) du_1 du_2$

and  $f_e^{(x,t)}(u)^{-1}$  is the  $(x,t)$ th element of  $f_e(u)^{-1}$ .

### Corollary

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{V}_{je} &= 4\pi \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \text{tr} \left\{ f(u) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} f_e(u)^{-1} f(u) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_e} f_e(u)^{-1} \right\} \Big|_{\theta = \Pi(f)} du \\ &+ 4\pi \sum_{a,b,c,d=1}^p \sum_{r,t,u,v=1}^s \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} f_e^{(r,t)}(u_1)^{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_e} f_e^{(u,v)}(u_2)^{-1} \Big|_{\theta = \Pi(f)} \\ &\times K_{ra}(u_1) K_{tb}(u_1) K_{uc}(-u_2) K_{vd}(u_2) \tilde{h}_{abcd}(-u_1, u_2, -u_2) du_1 du_2. \end{aligned}$$

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